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The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City on matters related to pedestrians and the impacts which actions by the City may have upon the pedestrian environment; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the City's planning processes insofar as they may relate to pedestrian safety and access.

City Council Resolution
28791

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Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board 2008 Work Plan

In late 2007, members of the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board met with Mayor Greg Nickels, Councilmember Nick Licata, Councilmember Jan Drago, Director of the Department of Transportation Grace Crunican, Director of the Department of Planning and Development Diane Sugimura, and Director of the Department of Neighborhoods Stella Chao. From these meetings and other sources, the following list of projects, efforts, and programs that are anticipated to impact pedestrians in the coming year have been developed:

Physical Improvement Projects

- Alaskan Way Viaduct and central waterfront
- Aurora Bridge suicide barrier
- Belltown park access planning
- Burke-Gilman Trail
- Downtown area I-5 crossing improvements
- Lake Union Trail
- Mercer Street redevelopment
- Neighborhood Street Fund projects
- SR 520
- Stairway improvements
- Third Avenue Transit Corridor
- Westlake Transit Hub
- South Lake Union re-zoning analysis

Safety, Education, and Enforcement Efforts

- Community based public education connected with the Department of Neighborhoods
- Council's Pedestrian Safety Campaign
- Crosswalk removals, installations or improvements
- DSA Safe & Healthy Streets
- Effective enforcement to enhance real and perceived safety for pedestrians
- Phase Two of the recent change to sidewalk requirements (regarding developer requirements)
- School crossing guards
- SDOT's Pedestrian Safety Campaign for Schools
- Sidewalk construction closures

Climate Change and Health

- Drainage and sidewalk requirements
- Mayor's Climate Initiative
- Tree Fund coordination of species, size and planting medium characteristics

Design Guidance

- Evaluations of completed projects
- Sidewalk café / use permitting
- Streetscape design



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Funding & Budget

- Bridging the Gap
- City Budget
- Creative funding sources
- Developer fees

Outreach

- Meet with Neighborhood Coordinators

Planning

- Colman Dock redevelopment and other ferries planning
- Jan Gehl project
- Neighborhood Plan Updates
- Open Space 2100, Blue Ring, Bands of Green connections
- Pedestrian Master Plan
- Urban Mobility Plan
- WSDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan
- Pedestrian Infrastructure Status and Condition Report
- Policy implications of an aging population
- Road diets
- Safe Routes to School
- Speeding on 1st Street and Jackson Street
- Traffic calming
- University Area Transportation Strategy

Transit

- Balancing multimodal priorities
- RapidRide
- Sound Transit light rail stations (Capitol Hill, Husky Stadium, SE Seattle)

Out of this extensive list, the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board has identified the areas where we intend to focus our efforts. The following list can be thought of as a rough work plan for the coming year. Our actual efforts will evolve and respond to changes in the City's needs, our own resources, and the specific characteristics of each project. However, this list provides a structure to guide our efforts. Next to each area of focus, the board members who will provide leadership for SPAB's tracking and responding to each issue have been identified.

Focus

Access to transit (Sound Transit stations)
Alaskan Way Viaduct
Aurora Bridge suicide barrier
Bridging the Gap
Burke-Gilman Trail completion
City Budget
Council Pedestrian Safety Campaign
Contacts with sponsors and stakeholders
Creative funding sources
Developer funding
Drainage issues
Driver training
DSA Safe and Healthy Streets
Enforcement
Health, safety, and outreach
Lake Union Trail
Marketing (promotional materials, events)
Mayor's Climate Change Initiative
Meet with Neighborhood Coordinators
Mercer Street redevelopment
Neighborhood Plan Updates
Pedestrian Master Plan

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Focus

Promoting pedestrian life
Sidewalk construction closures
Social justice
South Lake Union
Tree Fund
University Area Transportation Strategy
Urban design (streetscape design,
wayfinding)
Urban Mobility Plan
Walking tours
Waterfront projects

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This work plan will be updated at SPAB's annual retreat in May. Three new board members will be joining SPAB in March 2008 and the efforts they intend to focus on will be added to this living document.

Please contact the board chair, Celeste Gilman, if you would like to discuss any projects or issues with SPAB.

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